

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

(118)

47-41

SECRET

Action

Control: 17465
Rec'd: OCTOBER 23, 1962
10:27 PM

ARA

Info

FROM: ATHENS

SS

TO: Secretary of State

G

SP

NO: 501, OCTOBER 23, MIDNIGHT

L

H

SAL

PRIORITY

BTF

EUR

ACTION DEPARTMENT 501; INFORMATION PARIS 52.

NEA

IO

PARIS PASS USRO

DAC

P

CUBAN SUMMARY

IOP

INR

RMR

THIS IS FIRST OF SERIES MESSAGES WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED PERIODICALLY SUMMARIZING INFORMATION AND REACTION IN GREECE TO CUBAN SITUATION. MESSAGES IN THIS SERIES COORDINATE INFORMATION AND APPRAISAL FROM ALL SECTIONS OF MISSION, INCLUDING SERVICE ATTACHES CAS AND USIS.

PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS AT LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 23 GAVE CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES OF FULL GOG SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS RE CUBA SET FORTH IN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. PRIME MINISTER SAID INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT ALREADY SENT TO GREEK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE PARIS AND US COULD COUNT ON GOG SUPPORT IN UN AS WELL. CARAMANLIS STATED:

SERVICE ATTACHES INFORMED THAT GREEK GENERAL STAFFS RECEIVED ADVANCE INFORMATION OF IMPORTANT POLICY STATEMENT ON CUBA TO BE MADE BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY. CHIEFS OF STAFF STAYED UP TO

SECRET

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS PROHIBITED UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"

REPRODUCED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

SECRET

-2- 501, OCTOBER 23, MIDNIGHT FROM ATHENS

HEAR PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 23 HELD MEETING TO DECIDE ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.]

611

NON-GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS HAS NOT CRYSTALLIZED AS YET. ENTIRE GREEK PRESS PLAYS CUBA AS NUMBER ONE STORY BUT THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL REACTION. PRO-GOVERNMENT VRAZYN OCTOBER 23 ASSERTS "GREEK PUBLIC OPINION FULLY APPLAUDS AMERICAN ACTIONS FOR IT BELIEVES THAT COMMUNISTS RECOGNIZE ONLY POWER. CENTER OPPOSITION ETHNOS SAME DAY POINTS TO DANGERS INHERENT IN PRESENT SITUATION AND ANTICIPATES "RADICAL" SOVIET REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS WITH UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR WORLD PEACE. COMMUNIST AVGHI FAILS TO COMMENT EDITORIALY BUT RUNS STORY UNDER SCREAMING HEADLINES ASSERTING "GANGSTER ACTION (BY US) DRIVING MANKIND TO BRINK OF NUCLEAR WAR."

LABOUSSE

BA

Advance copy to SS/O.

SECRET

REPRODUCED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE